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Not in Our Town to increase visibility

Campaign to expand outreach in city, incorporated in University seminars, programs

By Eric Lagatta
Campus Editor

While most students were absent from campus this summer, University and city members of Not in Our Town planned ways to continue the campaign’s momentum as it bridges semesters.

This campaign to promote diversity and inclusiveness was originally

slated to begin this fall, but a string of incidents spurred the University to jumpstart it this past spring semester, said Emily Monago, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Most notably, in April, several University students tweeted racially-charged messages directed toward the black community during a gathering at a local bar. This prompted the University to release a statement

and host two panels in addition to imposing sanctions on the students in accordance with the student code of conduct.

Now through several initiatives, the University and city are collaborating to keep the campaign at the forefront of the community’s consciousness.

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FRESHMAN Alissa Piwinski slaps a paint hand print on another student on the Kohl Hall lawn during a paint war Tuesday night.

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STUDENTS living in Kohl Hall throw paint on each other during a paint war.

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making a
COLORFUL
acquaintance

Residents of Kohl Hall participated in a paint war Tuesday night hosted by the hall. Residence halls host numerous activities the first few weeks of school as socializing events for students.

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Sorority recruitment
to span 2 weekends

Changes to allow time for homework

By Danae King
Editor-in-Chief

What is frequently called “rush” won’t be so rushed for women looking to join a sorority at the University this year.

The Panhellenic Council, which consists of 12 sororities, will be splitting its formal recruitment process into two weekends instead of one.

Historically, this process has taken place during a five-day period, from Wednesday to Sunday. This year, it is spread across two weekends, and will start Friday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Sept. 8. There will be a week break and then it will resume Friday, Sept. 13 and end with bid day on Sunday, Sept. 15.

“This is a lifelong commitment they’re making,” said Holly Grunn, adviser of the Panhellenic Greek Council at the University. “This will give women more time to make decision [and will lead to a] positive result in the end.”

The change came after a few years of examining other universities’ processes and looking at problems with the recruitment process.

“Recruitment has kind of slowly been changing every year,” said Alyssa Cannella, vice president of member development for the Panhellenic Council. “This year we kind of decided as an executive board

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Enrollment down
1.9%, academic
standards raised

By Danae King
Editor-in-Chief

This year, the University raised its academic acceptance standards, resulting in a lower amount of enrolled students.

The change was strategic and meant to improve the quality of students coming to the University, said Gary Swegan, director of Admissions.

“This is the best freshman class based on test score and grade point we’ve ever had at BG,” Swegan said.

The reason for the change is two-fold, Swegan said.

“One, bringing in more quality freshmen will lead to better retention and graduation rates,” he said.

“And the state changed the funding formula,

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Gary Swegan
Director of Admissions

Making friends can ease feelings of homesickness
Socializing with peers can ease transition to college life

By Alex Alusheff
Managing Editor

For freshman Meghan Goldick, adjusting to college life has been bittersweet.

“I’m relieved to be on my own, but I’m sad because I don’t get to see much of [my family] anymore,” Goldick said.

A challenge freshmen could face when living in college is homesickness, which could hurt their experience.

To cope with her transition, Goldick has turned to new friends she made through opening weekend icebreakers and class.

“I have new friends so it’s hard to miss people yet, and I have been busy,” Goldick said.

Icebreakers hosted by the Office of Residence Life are key to keeping students at the University, said Abby Priehs, assistant director of

Residence Life.

“We focus on socialization programs in the first six weeks to get to know the people around you, like movie nights and study sessions,” Priehs said.

It is in the first six weeks that new students determine whether to stay in college, which is why there is a heavier emphasis on socialization, she said.

“Many students can recall the programs they attended freshman year ... and made friends,” Priehs said. “It has a profound effect.”

Goldick said programs hosted by the residence halls have greatly helped her make friends.

“There were a lot of icebreakers [opening weekend],” Goldick said. “After you got to know people, it stuck.”

After her first week in college, Goldick said she made about 10 new friends.

“I am a very bubbly person so I haven’t had many social hardships,” she said.

Priehs said attitudes like Goldick’s make the transition smoother.

While adjusting to college has been easy for Goldick, there are some things from home she misses.

“I miss home cooking and family bonding,” she said.

Students can, however, help bring elements of their homes to college to make it better.

The Counseling Center suggests students place photos of home around their room to make it more comfortable.

Doing this can “strike up a balance between focusing on the new and the old in your life,” said Craig Vickio, clinical psychologist at the

SWING INTO ACTION



SOPHOMORE Victoria Hunter and senior Carrie Burns practice swing dancing as part of the Falcon Swing Society.

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DOUBLE - DOUBLE

The men’s soccer team completed its two first games of the regular season this past weekend including a win against Malone and a double-overtime thriller against Michigan. | PAGE 5



STUDENT’S ACTIONS

Columnist Olivia Smith addresses the rudeness of students who shun or turn away others without being willing to meet new people in college. | PAGE 4

WHAT DO YOU DO TO AVOID BEING HOMESICK?



“I focus on everything at school and get involved with campus activities.”

Samantha Fisher
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Greek Housing Project to review construction teams

By Kendra Clark
In Focus Editor

While new students are looking forward to the start of the school year, those in Fraternity and Sorority Life are preparing for the end.

Chris Bullins, associate dean of students in the department of Fraternity and Sorority Life, is planning for next summer when the University will begin the destruction of sorority and fraternity housing.

“When [fraternity and sorority members] move out summer of 2014, we will start the demolition,” Bullins said. “They should be finished in fall 2016.”

The destruction of the houses is a part of the Greek Housing Project, which is to relocate and rebuild the greek housing units.

“The new units will be connected like the Conklin building,” Bullins said. “The size of each unit will be either a four bed, 12 or 18 floor plan.”

Through the summer, Bullins has been reviewing interim housing.

“We are trying to find a place to put the students while the houses are being built,” Bullins said. “There is no place like what they have now, so we are trying to get priorities aligned.”

Jill Bortel, chapter adviser for Alpha Xi Delta, is concerned about storage.

“Our house is very large,

and to move to an 18 bed unit ... everything won't fit,” Bortel said. “We have been trying to decide whether it would be more cost effective to sell or store our extra items.”

Bortel has also been communicating with the alumni of the chapter.

“I have been working on ways the alumni can help upgrade and personalize the new house,” Bortel said.

Bortel has been with Alpha Xi Delta for more than 40 years.

“Behind the scenes, I've been involved since day one of the project,” Bortel said. “It's going to be bittersweet, we've been going on 70 years, but now it's time to say goodbye. But I'm excited to have the house modern and up to date with 2016.”

Bullins has also been working during the summer to arrange ways alumni can help with the project and their houses.

“Alumni who want to support can give money that will go to the common area for each of the fraternities and sororities,” Bullins said. “They will get opportunities to upgrade the common area through these donations.”

Steven Krakoff, vice president of Capital Planning and Campus Operations, is involved with building of the Greek Housing Project.

“My department is



Chris Bullins
Associate Dean of Students in Fraternity and Sorority Life

responsible for the planning, design and constructions ... of the University,” Krakoff said. “We have not had much activity over the summer.”

However, soon Krakoff will be reviewing different development teams that will potentially be working on the housing project.

“The development teams will include architects, engineers and construction companies,” Krakoff said. “This is a two step process: step one is a request of qualification where different companies will submit their qualifications. We will then develop a short list of four or five that are best suited for the project.”

Step two will be a request for a detailed list and presentation from the companies who will then be reviewed by a formal team.

It will “take us through mid to late fall to complete both of these steps,” Krakoff said.

Casey Swick, president of the Panhellenic Council, is excited about the project.

“It's sad to see the houses go, they are full of memories,” Swick said. “But it's a great time for the Greek

community to move forward and start over.”

Swick believes the Greek Housing Project is a good change for the community.

“I think at this point the houses are no longer accommodating,” Swick said. “They are so worn and old, we need a fresh start.”

Dan Phillips, president of Interfraternity Council, agrees the new houses are needed.

“The ones we have now are run down,” Phillips said. “It needs to happen because the state of the houses are poor.”

Phillips also has concerns about the interim housing.

“It will be tough,” Phillips said. “It might affect recruitment but in the long run, it's a good thing.”

Bullins is helping in several ways to keep the alumni involved with the project along with the University staff and faculty.

“There are two email blasts to everyone who is on our email list along with the individual chapters sending emails as well,” Bullins said. “There is a Facebook page about the project and a website with a detailed plan for the alumni to view as well.”

Alumni can learn more at the Fraternity and Sorority life's website on the University's home page.

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SUN., SEPT. 1
12:20 A.M.
Disorderly conduct was reported near Kreisler Quadrangle.

1:41 A.M.
Disorderly conduct was reported near Founders Hall.

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Disorderly conduct was reported near the McDonald Hall.

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A theft of less than \$500 was reported at Founders Hall.

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FRESHMEN

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Counseling Center, in an email. “Pictures that you associate with home may at first be painful reminders of what you feel you've left behind. However, with time, they can provide a sense of continuity and serve to remind you of how you retain certain important parts of your life.”

While Goldick said she has photos from home posted around her room, she is barely in her room.

Friends keep your mind off of it, she said.

Another tip Vickio has for students is to give themselves time to adjust to their new surroundings.

“I know that, many years ago, my initial reactions to college were not positive, yet my overall college experience ended up being extremely rewarding,” Vickio said.

Though there are times

TIPS TO AVOID BEING HOMESICK

- Talk with an older sibling, friend, or student who has gone away from home.
- Seek some involvement in a student organization or activity. If you are living on campus, your residence hall is often a good place to get involved.
- Plan a date to go home and make arrangements. This helps to curtail impulsive home visits and helps.
- Give yourself time to adjust. Feeling satisfied with your new home, surroundings, and roles will be a gradual process.

*Information provided by the Counseling Center's website.

Goldick misses home, she said her college experience so far has been great.

“It wasn't hard being away from home,” she said. “I don't have to go to bed at a certain time and I've had funnel cake for dinner.”

For students having a harder time adjusting to college life, Vickio said students can contact the Counseling Center at 419-372-2081.

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“We're really working hard to get these conversations going ... and make them part of the ongoing discussion we're having with students,” Monago said.

The main push is to keep both the banner and pledge cards visible for anyone to sign, Monago said. These have become a symbol of the grassroots movement and a way for people to affirm their support, she said.

“Everywhere that Not in Our Town goes, you can expect to see that banner,” said senior Kevin Lewis, the president of the Black Student Union.

BSU has been a main player since the campaign's conception, something that Lewis wants to see continue.

“We really want to let people know our organiza-

tion is a Not in Our Town Organization,” he said.

Also on the agenda for this semester, the Office of Multicultural Affairs has incorporated NIOT into a variety of programming, and even a class at the University.

To introduce the freshmen to the campaign, there was a discussion about NIOT during the Multicultural Affairs, SMART and TRIO Programs breakout sessions during New Student Orientation. Events such as the Welcome Back Cookout, the Big Gay Picnic, NCBI workshops, Black Issues Conference, Latino Issues Conference will also have a NIOT element.

The office will integrate NIOT information into UNIV 1510, a multicultural development seminar. NIOT will also have a presence at Campus Fest on Sept. 12.

“We need to get more information out there,

especially with the incoming students,” Monago said.

Not in Our Town is a national campaign launched in 1995 as a result of a PBS documentary that highlighted the efforts of Billings, Montana citizens who stood up for their neighbors after a series of hate crimes, according to bgsu.edu/notinourtown.

Its presence at the University is relatively unique, Monago said. Other universities with the campaign include the University of Mississippi, Indiana University in Bloomington and the University of Virginia.

At the University, Not in Our Town is a subcommittee of the President's Advisory Council for Diversity and Inclusion [PACODI], which is chaired by Chief Diversity Officer Barbara Waddell. NIOT itself, which will be chaired by a city and University

representative, has three subcommittees within it: education, programming and events, chaired by Tobias Spears, assistant director of LGBT programs; developing momentum, co-chaired by Casey Swick and Margaret Montague of the city's Human Relations Commission; and marketing and advocacy, chaired by Ray Plaza, associate director of Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Barbara Keller, the past chair of the Human Relations Commission and a PACODI member, is a possible appointee for NIOT co-chair along with Equity Officer Vicky Kulicke, who introduced the idea for the campaign a year ago.

Of course, the campaign spans into the city as well, as these issues effect everybody, Keller said.

“Anything that address-

“The community and University need to be on the same page.”

Barbara Keller | Member

es the issue of diversity and inclusion is something the University and the city need to be working on,” she said. “The community and University need to be on the same page.”

Members of the “developing momentum” committee are interviewing a number of people from different sectors of the city, said Montague, the co-chair for the committee.

Representatives from the media, schools and businesses have all given their feedback on what they want from the campaign, she said.

“We're really at the point of determining the best way forward ... in the com-

munity,” Montague said.

Notably, the city police have agreed to put NIOT decals on their cruisers, she said.

A similar initiative may happen with the campus police, Monago said.

But all seem to agree, in the end it's all about promoting cross-cultural dialogue and understanding.

“I think my ultimate goal for the campaign is to really create that environment where we're supportive and inclusive of different identities that work in the city and live on our campus,” Monago said.

And the consensus is that it will be hard for the campaign to fizzle now.

“It will be really hard to lose momentum because there are so many different people dedicated to pushing it forward,” Lewis said. “We're working hard to keep that flame going.”



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City council uprooted in dead tree debate

Residents against government overreaching authority on private property

By **Eric Lagatta**
Campus Editor

Residents and city council members had a deeply rooted debate regarding the removal of dead trees on private property at Tuesday night's city council meeting.

Legislation would allow the city arborist to determine if a dead tree in one's yard poses a threat to property or public safety. The resident would then be responsible for the removal of the tree.

But the ordinance attracted heated opinions from residents on whether the government should have this authority, or if it's an overreach, leaving council members with no choice but to table it until next week.

"I think what we need to do is have a consensus of what we're trying to accomplish," said Robert McOmber, council member at-large.

Some council members echoed this sentiment.

First Ward Council Member Daniel Gordon wants to see a more clear final draft with an emphasis on safety.

"We've had a lot of citizen feedback and we're probably going to get more," Gordon said. "I think we have some philosophical issues we need to work out and we have some technical issues to work out."

During lobby time, resident Lisa Kochheiser addressed council about

the potential for fracking in northwest Ohio and the negative effects that would have.

Hydraulic fracturing, commonly referred to as fracking, is the process of blasting a water and sand mixture into a well to fracture the rock and release resources such as oil and gas trapped in pockets of shale.

Kochheiser supports amending the city charter to ban fracking, storage of wastewater and the creation of fossil fuel production facilities such as pipelines and storage facilities in Wood County, which will be voted on the November ballot.

As a way to find common ground with Kochheiser and Protect BG, a group of citizens who garnered nearly 2,000 signatures to amend the charter, City Attorney Mike Marsh developed an ordinance to only ban fracking.

But Kochhesier doesn't think an ordinance goes far enough.

"We know through past experiences that ordinances by themselves just aren't enough to stop oil and gas companies," she said to the council. "We ask for your support."

Bruce Jeffers, at-large council member, outlined three priorities as the council members consider the approaches to the issue: the immediate safety of residents, environmental issues and the economic impact of the ordinance.

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now it's rewarding universities for completion and graduation."

The average grade point average of the incoming freshman class this year was 3.31, and the average ACT score this year was 22.6.

These stats are due to the University accepting 160 less applicants with low ACT scores, to recruit students with a 24 or higher on their ACT, Swegan said, according to an article in the Aug. 23 issue of The BG News.

While the increase in incoming students' ACT and GPA probably won't be as drastic next fall, the University's goal during a four-year period is to increase incoming students' ACT to at least a 23 or 24, Swegan said.

As far as increasing the enrollment numbers for next year's freshman class, Swegan said he thinks enrollment numbers will stabilize as students adjust to the University's higher standards.

"I expect we'll be able to move back in an upward trajectory," he said.

The University isn't just raising it's standards for incoming freshmen, it's also doing things to make the University more attractive to a higher "quality" of students.

During the summer, the Board of Trustees approved changing the honors program to the honors college to make it more attractive to incoming students.

"Creation of an honors college ... should make BGSU more and more attractive," said Joseph Frizado, vice president of

academic operations.

The distinction means the program will have more structure and more access to resources.

There are still opportunities for students who didn't make the cut academically, said David Kielmeyer, University spokesperson.

Students can go to community college for a few years and then transfer, he said.

The higher standards affected enrollment, as according to the eight-day numbers. Enrollment is down 1.9 percent from fall 2012. About 14,500 students are enrolled so far this year, and 14,826 enrolled on the 15th day of classes in 2012.

In addition to overall enrollment being down, so was enrollment of multicultural students, Swegan said.

The percent of incoming

ENROLLMENT DATA
AVERAGE GPA AND ACT
THIS YEAR:
GPA: 3.31
ACT: 22.6
FALL 2012:
GPA: 3.27
ACT: 22

multicultural students is just under 20 percent, and it was 21 percent this past year, Swegan said.

"We were delighted with where we came in, we expected the impact to be greater," he said.

Not only are there less students on campus, less students means less credit hours taken and paid for.

The reduction in credit hours has an immediate financial impact on the University, Frizado said.

"Only a portion of our support is from the state, the majority is from tuition," he said.

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to rip off the bandaid."

One problem with the recruitment process as one weekend was the stress it caused for some of the women going through it, said Lauren Barr, vice president of recruitment for the Panhellenic Council.

"It was just a whirlwind process," Barr said.

This may have been one of the reasons about 50 percent of women weren't going through the whole process, instead starting it and then dropping it, Grunn said.

"Sometimes life happens," she said. "Wednesday through Sunday back-to-back really doesn't give any time for life."

It also may not have given women any time for homework, Barr said.

"We said we valued scholarship and sisterhood," she said. "There was no time for anybody to do homework or to unwind after school."

The end of the weekends will also be different. Bid-day, when women get placed into a sorority by a mutual selection process, has been re-vamped this year.

The women will be given their bids in a more private setting with their recruitment guide and get time to think about it and talk to their guide before having to face the other women.

"I think by changing this process we are showing as a community more of our values."

Lauren Barr | Vice President

Before, women were given their bids all together and it was "mass chaos," Cannella said.

It can take time and "personal reflection to find the sorority that best fits them," Grunn said.

She said the new process "gives women an opportunity to really know all the sororities."



It may also give sororities more time to communicate their values to potential new members.

"I think by changing this process we are showing as a community more of our values," Barr said. "The overall process will show new members ... we are a values-based organization. We do value these things, we want to show that."

This year, about 400 women have signed up so far to participate in formal recruitment.

No matter what chapter a woman ends up in, Grunn said the chapters all have similar values.

"They may have different words for them but ultimately we're here to make women better women," she said.



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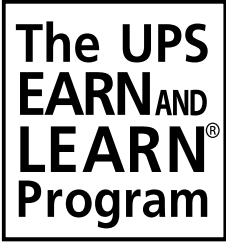
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Rudeness reflects poorly on University



OLIVIA SMITH
COLUMNIST

I love the beginning of the new fall semester. It is a happy time and a fresh start for all students at the University.

New students flood the campus and everyone is trying to make friends. And undoubtedly, it is the perfect time to do so.

Recently I caught wind of a story regarding a new freshman who was making a conscious effort to meet people, since he was alone and unfamiliar with anyone at the University.

Unfortunately, his effort was undermined when he was treated unkindly by fellow students in return.

According to his grandfather, he walked up to a group of boys in the Kreischer Sundial and asked to sit with them. Instead of being friendly and saying yes, the boys said, "we'd rather you didn't."

The student then went back to his room and ate alone.

When his grandfather heard of this, he was outraged.

"Not everyone comes to college with a group of friends," he said. "Have a little sensitivity and accept other peoples' differences."

Since this incident, the student has met some people and everything is going well for him. However, the fact that this happened is sad and reflects poorly on the University.

The grandfather said he thinks it is necessary for students to portray kindness to all students and "not throw darts at others."

I completely agree.

Everyone needs to make friends when they come to college and have a familiar friendly face to say, "hi" to. Students need to reach out and sometimes even go out of their way to help other students transition to the college lifestyle.

I do not understand how students can be so rude to another who does not know anyone else and is obviously making an effort to meet people.

It is the time of year to reach out to other people, no matter if you know them or not. It is the time to be friendly with all other fellow falcons.

Whether you are an incoming freshman or a senior, it is important to make somebody feel welcomed here at the University.

People are just trying to make a friend and not be alone in this world. It is literally unbearable for me to see a person, especially a new student who may

not have any other friends, sit alone and eat their meal.

It is unbelievably discouraging for a student to be rejected and can severely hurt their self-esteem.

Would it have killed those students to let the freshman sit at their table and eat? Maybe start some conversation, ask where he was living and about his major and if he has had a good opening weekend? No. The answer is absolutely not.

Instead, they chose to be rude and disrespectful. Literally, it is not hard to be nice to people in any situation.

For a new student to build up the courage to ask complete strangers to sit with them is an amazing feat. I applaud this student for doing so.

However, I do not applaud the people who denied him and treated him unkindly.

Here at the University, we strive to create a welcoming environment where everyone can find a friend and have the best time possible. As students, we should all be trying to uphold this image.

Students come here thinking that everyone is going to be friendly and expect that people will be kind. As a student body, we need to try to uphold these expectations in order to create the best experience for all.

Sure, this is the real world and people are going to be rude. It is a fact of life. But one act of kindness is a step towards improvement.

I think all students need to keep an open mind and not judge anyone before they get to know them.

By excluding others, you are hurting them. You are completely discouraging their self-esteem and damaging them emotionally.

No one likes to be the one who is left out. Think about it, how would you feel if you knew no one on campus and was all alone?

It is terrible to think that students drop out every year because they cannot make friends. This is something that needs to be changed.

Open your heart and mind to others. Lend a helping hand to that struggling freshman wandering around looking for his or her class. Invite that lonely person to sit with you at the dining hall. Talk to that stranger next to you in their class.

You never know who you are going to meet. You may have your new best friend sitting next to you.

If you never try, you will never know.

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BLIZZARDS IN THE FALL



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Some leadership positions require not leading



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To this point in my series about great leaders, no individual has been highlighted as the greatest leader of all-time.

Each candidate had flaws ranging from blind ambition to being fictional. This exploration in leadership will connect concepts of many of the previous issues, while centering on a character who manages to have none of these faults [while quite incredibly having all of these faults].

The man is of unquestioned brilliance and among the most emulated people of all time. Through pure and unrivaled skill as a world leader, this man ruled Rome as an emperor while Rome was still a republic.

Mark Anthony, Marcus Lepidus and the hero of this examination in leadership, Octavian Caesar [Julius Caesar's adopted son], all dominated the Roman political system following Caesar's death as they attempted to bring his assassins to justice.

The three ultimately

turned on each other and my favorite among amazing things Octavian was able to do, revolves around Lepidus.

When Octavian waged war on Lepidus, he didn't do so with a great army. Instead, Octavian walked alone, into Lepidus' camp and announced that Lepidus' soldiers now served him, Octavian.

While this seems ridiculous, Octavian reminded everyone in camp he was the son of the deified Julius Caesar.

In other words, Octavian was the unquestioned son of God.

In progress to defeating the other members of the second triumvirate, Octavian murdered many people. In fact, Octavian murdered far more people than Roman society was prepared for.

So what does one do at this point? The answer appears to be to change your name and create a new persona.

The best part is, I'm not joking.

Octavian changed his name to Augustus and completely changed his behavior.

While he did cease to murder all who opposed him, Augustus' most compelling change was one he learned from Caesar's death.

Caesar had declared himself perpetual dictator of Rome. This title did not set well with the elite of Rome.

Augustus recognized the taboo nature of Roman absolute authority and pretended to be just some guy. Instead of a glorifying title, Augustus called himself 'first citizen' and became furious when individuals referred to him as more glorifying titles, such as king.

To further limit his power, Augustus gave up all official positions and allowed citizens to take part in voting for the reestablished republican system.

At this point, you may question how much power Augustus truly had, as well as my sanity for idealizing him. If you are, Augustus and I thank you for falling for his trap and validating my argument.

While Augustus publicly took steps to ensure the survival of the Roman Republic, in actuality, it had long since perished.

While it's true Augustus gave up political offices, the senate had already voted him every power imaginable. The façade he kept of fighting for republic only created a more worshiped and revered figure.

To simplify this, Augustus invented a system to gain more power every time he pretended to relinquish it, and the people loved him for it.

Augustus was not only cunning, he was an effective leader. He extended the borders of the Roman Republic/Empire while spreading its culture and rebuilding its infrastructure.

Many historians view Augustus' reign as the golden period of Rome and among the heights of Western European civilization.

To date this monumental achievement and recognize how long ago this progressive leader ruled, consider a famous birth during Augustus' reign, Jesus Christ.

His methods are popular, nearly every ruler for hundreds of years wanted to be like Augustus, even after the "Fall of Rome."

Next week, we will further consider the "anti-Augustus" portrayal we already touched base on.

More information on this and related topics can be found at TheCaveJournal.wordpress.com.

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STARTING ON THE RIGHT FOOT



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DANNY BARALDI dribbles the ball past multiple Michigan defenders in the double overtime 1-1 draw Monday.



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ANTHONY GRANT beats out Ezekiel Harris to a header in Monday's draw with Michigan.

Men's soccer ends weekend with win against Malone, draw against Michigan

By Cameron Teague Robinson
Assistant Sports Editor

The BG men's soccer team played two games over the holiday weekend.

The first was the Falcons' season opener against Malone University, which they won 5-0, and their second game of the weekend was against the No. 14 ranked Michigan Wolverines, whom they tied 1-1.

The Falcons were the better team that night at Cochrane Field as they found goals from five different players, which allowed Head Coach Eric Nichols to rest his starter's legs and get the younger players some minutes.

"It was great to get those guys minutes because there isn't a week guy on the roster," Nichols said. "To be able to give them minutes is a testament to them and just shows how much trust we have in their play."

This was the team's first shutout of the season including the preseason matches as well. Goalkeeper Michael Wiest and the defense were not tested much as Wiest was only forced to make one save.

"The team did an absolute great job," Wiest said. "The guys did a great job getting behind the ball, stopping shots and the midfielders won every ball."

Monday night, the Falcons went up against a tougher opponent in No. 14 Michigan. The Falcons have beaten Michigan two years in a row and they knew this would be a physical match according to Midfielder Joe Sullivan.

Right from the start of the game, there was a lot of pushing and shoving going around and about 15 minutes in the ref was seen warning many of the players from both sides. With all of the physical play

the Falcons were making they could not put a shot in the goal.

"I thought the first 30 minutes we were locking them down and creating our own chances," Nichols said. "We had good rhythm on both sides of the ball, we had good movement when we had it and we got it back when we lost it."

Michigan had their own section of attacking time in the first half except they capitalized on it first with a goal from Fabio Periera four minutes before halftime. Right after that goal though, Michigan midfielder Tyler Arnone made a tackle the referee thought was dangerous and was issued a red card and kicked out of the game. The physical play continued a few minutes later, before a throw in Falcon defender Zach Schewee was seen shoving a Michigan player straight to the ground and that earned him a yellow card.

"I think we did a very good job of composing ourselves mentally on the field," Nichols said. "I think the referee would have loved to even that game out and kick somebody else out of the game."

With the red card coming so close to half time it gave the Falcons the entire second half to play with a man advantage and get that tying goal. Michigan fell back into a more defensive formation which allowed the Falcons to possess the ball more. The Falcons had many opportunities in that second half but did not score the tying goal until Joey D'Agostino scored off of an assist from Ryan Comisky and Brandon Silva.

"We just knew we had to get after them and not think about the man advantage," Midfielder Brandon Silva said. "We were just worried about

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Who to pick in NFL fantasy football, best QBs, RBs, WRs



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With the National Football League starting this Thursday Night, it is time for some Fantasy Football insight.

Here are the top five breakdowns for quarterbacks, running backs and wide receivers.

The 2013 quarterback fantasy breakdown does not have too many surprises throughout my first five spots. We'll start with New Orleans Saints quarterback Drew Brees, who will have Head Coach Sean Payton back this season after serving his year long suspension. Look out for Brees to have another stellar season and duplicate his 2011 record of 5,476 passing yards.

Second on the list is Green Bay Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers. He's is a must-have in any league. Rodgers has thrown out for 8,938 yards, 84 touchdowns and 14 interceptions the past two seasons.

Following Rodgers is another Super Bowl MVP, Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning. After missing the entire 2011 season, Manning lead the Broncos to a 13-3 record while throwing 37 touchdowns to 11 interceptions. Denver's depth chart at wide receiver has only increased since the off-season and sets Manning up for another successful season.

New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady is coming off another substantial season where Brady threw for 4,827 yards and 34 touchdowns and shows no signs of slowing down.

To top off my top five quarter-

backs, we have a high risk, high reward pick: San Francisco 49ers quarterback Colin Kaepernick. The duel threat quarterback sneaks into my top five list, surpassing Rookie of the Year winners and Super Bowl MVPs. Kaepernick's strong arm, and read option threat proves to be more than worthy.

Other quarterbacks you may want to consider for your fantasy team include the Indianapolis' Andrew Luck, Washington's Robert Griffin III, Carolina's Cam Newton, Baltimore's Joe Flacco and Atlanta's Matt Ryan.

Although quarterbacks are the leader on the field, running backs will be the backbone to success on your fantasy team. With your first pick you will want to draft last year's MVP, Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson. After Peterson's season last year

he deserves the No. 1 overall pick in any Fantasy Football league. Coming off knee surgery in 2011, Peterson's offseason work ethic showed in 2012 where he rushed for 2,097 yards and 12 touchdowns, leading the Vikings into the playoffs.

The second running back on my list is Tampa Bay's Doug Martin. The second-year Boise State product will look to duplicate his dazzling rookie season in which he jumped into one of the premier backs in the league.

Third on my list is Houston Texans running back Arian Foster. He has proven himself to remain a top three running back in the NFL after scoring 41 rushing touchdowns in the past three seasons. Although Foster played in all 16 games this past season, he hasn't taken a snap this preseason.

The fourth running back on my list is Seattle's Marshawn Lynch. He's is coming off an absolute monster season where he ran for 1,590 yards while averaging 5.0 yards per carry.

The final player on the list is Kansas City Chiefs running back Jamaal Charles. The quick and elusive back who has yet to have a season where he averages less than 5.3 yards per carry. Although he isn't a touchdown machine, I look for his numbers to go up, as the Chiefs will be able to move the ball down field more often with quarterback Alex Smith at the reigns of the offense.

Five more running backs who you may want to consider include Buffalo's C.J. Spiller, Philadelphia's

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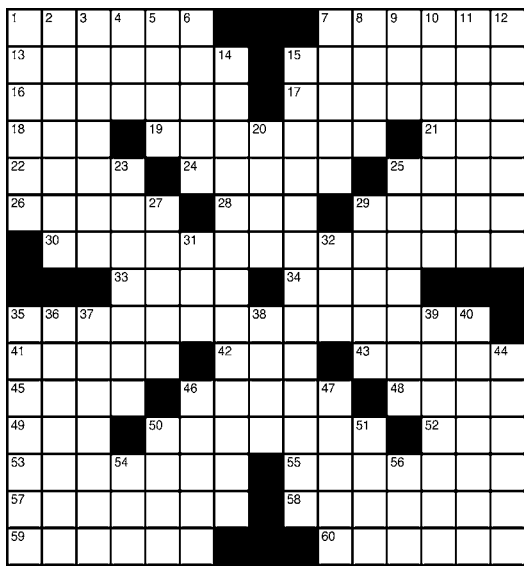
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17 Spoke like an uninspired lecturer

18 Smartphone component, for short

19 Soothes, in a way

21 Mars, for one

22 Throw

24 Old language that gives us "berserk"

25 Home of the Czech Republic's Supreme Court

26 Second to none

28 Spot in a casino

29 Crème de ____

30 "That's the pot calling the kettle black!"
- 33 Hose holder

34 Indoor football name

35 London arena that Pelé dubbed "the cathedral of football"

41 Fauvist painter Dufy

42 5, spelled out?

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45 Tendon attachment?

46 Pamplona runners

48 Green opening

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50 Like many consonants

52 Cat's batter

53 Ancient Syrian

55 First golfer to win the U.S., British and Canadian Opens in the same year

57 Overly sentimental

58 Side effect of a bike helmet

59 Pet

60 Disrespected outwardly

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6 March alternative

7 Poet translated by Longfellow

8 Pi preceder?

9 Pi follower

10 Mediterranean island, to locals

11 Like amaranth flowers, in myth

12 Magazine in which "The Thin Man" first appeared

14 Currency printed on only one side

15 Rued years

20 Put on a happy face

23 Sightseers can be seen on one

25 Spade-shaped reef swimmer

27 Alberto VO5 rival

29 Una ____: using the soft pedal

31 Brogan classification

32 High ____

35 Pair commemorated on North Carolina's state quarter
- 36 Humble oneself

37 More likely to win the bakeoff, maybe

38 '33 Chicago World's Fair puppeteer

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46 Safe-deposit box document

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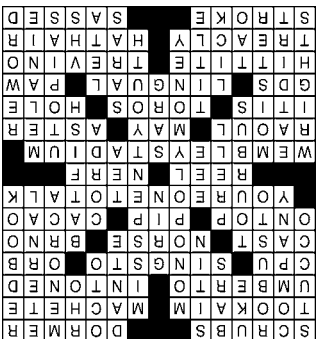
50 Defeat

51 "Why, then, ____ soldier drink!": lago

54 Confucian path

56 Old Beta rival

ANSWERS



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LeSean McCoy, Cleveland's Trent Richardson, Washington's Alfred Morris and Baltimore's Ray Rice.

When deciding which wide receiver should be selected first in your draft, just look into the record books. Detroit Lions wide receiver Calvin Johnson broke Jerry Rice's single season reception mark this past season. Johnson hauled in 122 catches for a NFL single season best of 1,964 yards. Johnson looks to increase his touchdown total [5] from last season.

The second receiver on my list is Dallas' Dez Bryant. He's had some off the field problems and is known for dropping passes, but still snagged 92 balls for 1,382 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Chicago Bears wide receiver Brandon Marshall is the third player on my list. Marshall was targeted 194 times in 2012 season, but the question won't be about Cutler's and Marshall's chemistry, it will be about his injured hip, which he had surgery in the offseason.

A.J. Green of the Cincinnati Bengals is the fourth best receiver this year. Green is an automatic end-zone threat who can go up and get the ball. He makes big play after big play and is a top five wide out entering his prime.

Finally, the fifth wide receiver is Atlanta's Julio Jones. Although quarterback Matt Ryan also has Roddy White to throw to, Jones pulled in 10 touchdowns and 1,119 yards for the Falcons in 2012. Entering his 3rd season, he only his room to improve.

If you can't manage to snag any of those top five wide receivers, make sure you keep an eye on these next five: Arizona's Larry Fitzgerald, Green Bay's Randall Cobb, Denver's Demaryius Thomas, Houston's Andre Johnson and Tampa Bay's Vincent Jackson.

Follow The BG News on Twitter throughout the 2012-13 NFL season for more fantasy football updates.



ZACH SCHEWEE sprints past a Michigan defender during Monday's match.

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coming out and getting our goal."

The Falcons had another opportunity late in the second half when forward Anthony Grant deflected the ball into the net for what seemed to be the game-winning goal until the referee called offside. The Falcons had a few more attempts after that but none scored and the game went into overtime 1-1.

"I thought we had a goal called back," Nichols said. "From my angle I could not tell if he was offside or not but it looked like it was going in even if he [Grant] had not touched it."

The two overtimes showed just what the second half showed; plenty of chances from the Falcons but no goals. Michigan had a few opportunities as well but Wiest made a few saves late in each of the overtime periods.

"They got out quicker than I would have liked

them to I thought we should have locked them in better," Nichols said. "Wiest is a good player he did what we expect him to do; for us to win or get a result from this game we knew he was going to have to do something big and he did."

The Falcons will be back in action Sept. 6 when they play Marquette at the Panther invitation in Milwaukee. They will not return home for a game until Sept. 16 when they will face another Big Ten foe, the Ohio State Buckeyes.

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